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SUBJECT: MBFR AD HOC GROUP MEETING, 12 APRIL 1973

SUMMARY: THE AD HOC GROUP REVIEWED FOR THE SECOND TIME THE DRAFT REPORT TO NATO ON THE ANTICIPATED RESULTS OF THE PROBE ON THE HUNGARIAN QUESTION. THE BRITISH REP (THOMSON) DELIVERED A LENGTHY STATEMENT EXPLAINING HIS GOVERNMENT' S RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE REPORT.

THE GROUP THEN CONSIDERED A DRAFT TELEGRAM PREPARED BY THE CHAIRMAN

TO ACCOMPANY THE DRAFT REPORT, AND HEARD REPORTS ON US- ROMANIAN AND ITALIAN- POLISH BILATERALS. (END SUMMARY)

1. THE CHAIRMAN (GRANDE OF CANADA) OPENED THE MEETING BY ASKING
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THE US REP WHETHER HE HAD ANY INFORMATION ON WHEN THE SOVIETS MIGHT RECEIVE PERMISSION FROM MOSCOW TO GO AHEAD WITH THEIR PROPOSAL OF 7 APRIL. THE US REP REPORTED THAT HE HAD PHONED KVITSINSKIY THAT MORNING AND KVITSINSKIY HAD SAID THAT HE WAS QUITE SURE THE MATTER WAS BEING CONSIDERED IN MOSCOW THAT DAY AND THAT HE PROBABLY WOULD HAVE INSTRUCTIONS SOMETIME ON 13 APRIL. THE CHAIRMAN NOTED THAT THE AD HOC GROUP MEETING FOR THE 13 TH WOULD BE SET ACCORDING TO WHEN THE PROBE TOOK PLACE.

2. THE CHAIRMAN THEN TURNED TO THE DRAFT REPORT (TEXT SEPTTEL) TO NATO ON THE ANTICIPATED OUTCOME OF THE HUNGARIAN PROBE. THE US REP NOTED THAT HE HAD MADE A FEW CHANGES AS A RESULT OF THE DISCUSSION IN THE GROUP THE DAY BEFORE. THE TURKISH REP (TULUMEN) EXPRESSED HIS THANKS FOR THE ADDED REFERENCE TO THE ATTEMPT BY THE EMISSARIES TO GET THE SOVIETS TO INCLUDE A REFERENCE TO " FORCES AND TERRITORY IN CENTRAL EUROPE" IN THE ENLARGEMENT FORMULA. AFTER A FEW ADDITIONAL CHANGES IN THE TEXT WERE AGREED BY THE GROUP, THE UK REP (THOMSON) MADE A LENGTHY STATEMENT (SEPTTEL) WHICH HE LATER CLAIMED PRIVATELY WAS BASED ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM LONDON. THOMSON SAID HIS AUTHORITIES WOULD RESERVE THEIR JUDGMENT UNTIL THE EMISSARIES' REPORT IS SUBMITTED TO THE NAC AND THEY HAVE HEARD THE VIEWS OF OTHER ALLIES. HE NONETHELESS REITERATED THE NEGATIVE BRITISH REACTION TO THE RESULTS OF THE PROBE AND TO THE REPORT' S RECOMMENDATION THAT THE WEST ACCEPT AN OUTCOME ALONG THE LINES OF THE SOVIET PROPOSALS OF 7 APRIL. AS HE HAD SAID ON 11 APRIL, THE UK COULD NOT ENDORSE THE REPORT AND THOUGHT THAT IT SHOULD BE SENT TO THE NAC AS A REPORT OF THE TWO EMISSARIES.

3. FOLLOWING THE BRITISH STATEMENT, THE CHAIRMAN CIRCULATED THE TEXT OF A TELEGRAM HE PROPOSED TO ACCOMPANY THE DRAFT REPORT. THE REPORT WAS REVISED BY THE GROUP TO REFLECT BRITISH RESERVATIONS AND WAS APPROVED BY THE GROUP SUBJECT TO FORMAL SOVIET PRESENTATION OF THEIR 7 APRIL PROPOSALS. THE ITALIAN REP (PETRIGNANI) STRONGLY ENDORSED THE PARAGRAPH IN THE DRAFT TELEGRAM WHICH CONGRATULATED THE ALLIED EMISSARIES, ADDING THAT ITALY OWED A PARTICULAR DEBT OF GRATITUDE FOR THE MANNER IN WHICH THE EMISSARIES DEFENDED ITALIAN INTERESTS.

4. THE WEST GERMAN REP (RUTH) THEN ASKED WHETHER THE DRAFT TELEGRAM WOULD BE CONSIDERED AGAIN BY THE GROUP WHEN MOSCOW HAD PERMITTED ITS REPRESENTATIVE TO COMPLETE THE PROBE. HE INQUIRED
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WHETHER THE ACTUAL SOVIET PROPOSAL SHOULD NOT BE SENT TO CAPITALS BEFORE THE GROUP TRANSMITS THE EMISSARIES' REPORT TO THE NAC. THE CHAIRMAN SAID THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE AD HOC GROUP MEETING AFTER THE QUADRILATERAL SESSION WOULD BE TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER THE PROPOSAL HAD EMERGED IN THE ANTICIPATED FORM HE SAID THAT IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT IF THE PROPOSAL WAS RECEIVED AS ANTICIPATED, THE REPORT WOULD BE SENT TO GOVERNMENTS AND THEN NAC SIMULTANEOUSLY.

5. BILATERALS. THE US REP REPORTED A CONVERSATION WITH POPESCU OF THE ROMANIAN DELEGATION. POPESCU HAD SAID -- REFERRING TO THE POSSIBILITY OF UNILATERAL EASTERN AND WESTERN STATEMENTS ON PARTICIPATION -- THAT ROMANIA DOES NOT WANT ANY STATEMENTS MADE IN THEIR NAME BY ANYONE. US REP SAID THIS WAS PROBLEM FOR ROMANIA, NOT ALLIES. POPESCU ADDED THAT THE ROMANIANS DID NOT LIKE THE FACT THAT THE PROPOSED SOVIET PROCEDURES PAPER MADE A DISTINCTION BETWEEN DIRECT AND CONSULTATIVE PARTICIPANTS AND WOULD PREFER THAT THE WORD "CONSULTATIVE" BE REMOVED. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE ROMANIANS ARE GLAD THAT THE PAPER GIVES ALL PARTICIPANTS EQUAL SPEAKING RIGHTS. POPESCU ALSO NOTED THAT IF THE AGENDA DISCUSSION IS TO BE CARRIED ON IN A NARROW GROUP, THE ROMANIANS WOULD AT A MINIMUM LIKE TO COMMENT ON THE SUBJECT MATTER TO ALL OTHER PARTICIPANTS BECAUSE AS A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE NO OTHER COUNTRY CAN SPEAK ON ROMANIA'S BEHALF.

6. THE ITALIAN REP REPORTED A DISCUSSION HE AND HIS DEPUTY (TALIANI) HAD HELD WITH THE HEAD OF THE POLISH DEL (STRULAK). STRULAK APPARENTLY HAD LITTLE TO SAY ABOUT MBFR AND SO PETRIGNANI TOOK THE OCCASION TO EMPHASIZE TO STRULAK HOW STRONGLY THE ITALIANS FEEL ABOUT NOT PERMITTING ANYTHING IN MBFR TO INTERFERE WITH THE PROCESS OF WEST EUROPEAN INTEGRATION. HE TOLD STRULAK THAT NINE COUNTRIES HAD SUBSCRIBED TO THE DECLARATION OF PARIS THEREBY SETTING THE GOAL OF EUROPEAN UNION AND THAT THEY ALL TRUSTED THAT DURING MBFR NEGOTIATIONS NO PARTY WILL ATTEMPT TO THROW UP OBSTACLES TO THAT OBJECTIVE.

7. THE CHAIRMAN ADJOURNED THE MEETING UNTIL 13 APRIL AT A TIME AFTER THE NEXT QUADRILATERAL HAS BEEN HELD. HUMES

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